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AN INTERVIEW WITH SENATOR LOWELL WEICKER

MARTIN AGRONSKY: President Nixon attended a Republican fund-raising dinner last night, \$1000 a plate, and he said his administration and candidates who support his administration's policies are going to have a very strong case to put to the voters this fall -- peace abroad and prosperity at home.

Not all the members of the President's party agree and some don't want his support. One of the President's persistent critics is Republican Senator Lowell Weicker of Connecticut. Recently Mr. Weicker had this to say: "If the explanations and illogical statements emanating from the White House during the past month had come from anyone other than a President of the United States, they would have been labeled for what they are -- trash."

Tonight on Evening Edition a discussion of Watergate, the future of the President and the Republican Party with Republican Senator Lowell Weicker of Connecticut, a member of the Senate Watergate Committee, and Walter Pincus, the executive editor of the New Republic Magazine.

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AGRONSKY: Listen, Senator, it's good to have you back here. It's been a couple of months. The Senate Watergate Committee's been out of business for that period. You've had a chance for some reflection, and I wonder what you consider the area of greatest importance that emerged from your committee's investigation.

SENATOR LOWELL WEICKER: I think, as I stated earlier, and, as a matter of fact, in our last show when we reviewed the attempts of the administration to utilize the FCC and the Justice Department and the IRS against the press to bring about a compatibility of views, it's still the misuse of government power, more specifically the misuse of government agencies, law-enforcement agencies, intelligence agencies. What bothers me, I suppose -- and I think it bothers most Republicans -- is every time the President gets up and says -- or, rather, refers to the mandate of 1972, I don't.